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Announcing Fall First Fridays in the Village of Catskill Beginning Labor Day Weekend

Catskill, NY – The celebration of Fall First Fridays in the Village of Catskill on Friday, September 1, and Friday, October 6, was announced today. The celebration highlights the Village’s remarkable artistic and cultural activities and its spectacular setting -- at the base of the Catskill Mountains along the Hudson River, just a 9-minute drive from the Hudson Amtrak station – at one of the best times to visit this beautiful area, as the leaves start to blaze with color.

The Fall First Fridays initiative highlights the vibrant community of Catskill and builds on a tradition of free special events at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site ensuring that everyone has access to this cultural landmark. Fall First Fridays will include free admission to the historic site, extended hours at local shops within walking distance, and special events including a fashion show, live music, a dance festival, and a local farmers market. We invite everyone to take part and experience all that Catskill has to offer.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Activities

- 2-7 pm | Free Admission and special evening hours at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site
- 5-7 pm | Find fresh produce, farm grown meats, delicious baked goods and handmade crafts at the Catskill Farmers Market at Dutchman’s Landing.
<https://www.facebook.com/catskillfarmersmarket/>
- 7 pm | Live acoustic blues by Pete Wagula at Magpie Book Shop, 392 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<https://www.facebook.com/magpiebookshop/>

Shopping ‘til 7pm

- Artist and Revolutionaries, 354 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://www.artistsandrevolutionaries.com/>
- Corduroy Shop, 396 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://www.corduroyshop.com/>
- CounterEv, 473 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<https://counterev.com/pages/locations>
- Magpie Book Shop, 392 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://www.magpiebookshop.com/>
- Mahalo Gift Shop, 397 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://mahalocatskill.com/>
- The Rodney Shop, 362 Main Street, Catskill NY
<http://www.therodneyshop.com>
- Village Common Mercantile, 388 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<https://www.thevillagecommon.com/>



Food and drink

- Hi Lo, 365 Main Street, Catskill, NY (open 'til midnight)
<https://www.hilocatskill.com/hilofood/>
- La Conca D'oro, 440 Main St, Catskill, NY (open 'til 10pm)
<https://www.facebook.com/La-Conca-Doro-74414362134/>
- The New York Restaurant, 353 Main St, Catskill, NY (open 'til 10pm)
<http://www.nyrestaurantcatskill.com/>
- Verdigris, 291 Main Street, Catskill, NY (open 'til 7 pm)
<http://www.verdigristea.com>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Activities

- 2-7 pm | Free Admission and special evening hours at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site
- 7 pm | The Patricia Field Art Fashion Show presented by the Greene County Council on the Arts at Joe's Garage Catskill, 443 Main St, Catskill, NY 12414. This event is ticketed.
<http://www.greenearts.org/patricia-fields-artfashion-show-comes-to-catskill/>

Also that weekend

- Saturday, 2 pm & 5 pm | Hudson Valley Dance Festival produced by and benefiting Dancers Responding to AIDS, a program of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. This event at the Historic Catskill Point is ticketed.
<https://dradance.org/pre-event/hudson-valley-dance-festival-2017/>

Shopping and art 'til 7pm

- Artist and Revolutionaries, 354 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://www.artistsandrevolutionaries.com/>
- CENTENNIAL: SHE special exhibition, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main Street, Catskill, NY
<http://www.greenearts.org/centennial-she-october-9-november-11-2017/>
- Corduroy Shop, 396 Main Street, Catskill, NY
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For any other organizations or businesses interested in being involved please contact jgreim@thomascole.org

THE THOMAS COLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first major art movement. Located on 6 acres in the Hudson Valley, the site includes the 1815 Main House; Cole's 1839 Old Studio; the recently reconstructed New Studio building; and gardens. It is a National Historic Landmark and an affiliated area of the National Park Service. The Cole Site's activities include guided tours, exhibitions, printed publications, extensive online programs, activities for school groups, free community events, lectures, and innovative public programs such as the Hudson River School Art Trail—a map and website that enables visitors to see the nearby views that Cole painted. The goal of all programs at the Cole Site is to enable visitors to find meaning and inspiration in Thomas Cole's life and work. The themes that Cole explored in his art and writings—such as landscape preservation and our conception of nature as a restorative power—are both historic and timely, providing the opportunity to connect to audiences with insights that are highly relevant to their own lives.

On VIEW at the Thomas Cole Site through October 29, 2017

+ *Sanford R. Gifford in the Catskills*, an exhibition in the New Studio, curated by Kevin J. Avery.

+ *KIKI SMITH / From the Creek*, Solo exhibition in conjunction with the series OPEN HOUSE: Contemporary Art in Conversation with Cole

+ *The Parlors*, an immersive experience combining technology and meticulous restoration of Cole's interior designs in his 1815 home, including the earliest-known interior decorative painting by an American artist.

+ *Mind Upon Nature: Thomas Cole's Creative Process*, an exhibition in the Main House featuring Cole's paintings and sketches.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site is located at 218 Spring Street in Catskill, New York. Thomas Cole's home, studios, special exhibitions, and grounds are open May – October, Tuesday – Sunday 10-5 pm. For details see thomascole.org and follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

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